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DOWNHAM MARKET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L   R E P O R T

OF THE

M E D I C A L   O F F I C E R   O F   H E A L T H

FOR THE YEAR 1966

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DR. J. McD. HANLEY, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P., & S., D.P.H.

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DOWNHAM MARKET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members of the Public Health Committee:-

Chairman - Mr.J.E.Tasman

Mr.A.W.Beazley

Mr.J.R.Bostock

Mr.H.E.Brett

Mr.A.E.Clarke

Mr.V.J.Collins

Mr.R.S.Goodrum

Mr.J.H.Long

Mr.J.D.Walmsley

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Public Health Officers of the Local Authority:-

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Dr.J.McD.Hanley, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P., & S., D.P.H.  
Local Health Office,  
48 Howdale Road,  
Downham Market.

Tel: Downham Market 3241

Also holds the appointments of:-

School Medical Officer.

Assistant County Medical Officer.

Medical Officer of Health to Downham Rural District Council.

Medical Officer of Health to Marshland Rural District Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

J.A.Thompson, M.Inst.H.E., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., until  
November, 1966.

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Mr.Chairman and Members of Downham Market Urban District Council,

I have the honour to present my report for the year ending December 31st 1966.

### County Health Service

Shown below are figures for immunisations carried out by general practitioners and local authority staff in my area during 1966.

#### Smallpox Vaccination

Primary vaccination		Total	Revaccination		Total
Under 5	5 - 15	300	Under 5	5 - 15	44
265	35		4	40	

#### Tetanus

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 7	7 - 15	647	Under 7	7 - 15	1125
601	46		623	502	

#### Whooping Cough

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 7	7 - 15	567	Under 7	7 - 15	279
566	1		269	10	

#### Diphtheria

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 7	7 - 15	619	Under 7	7 - 15	1092
600	19		626	466	

#### Poliomyelitis

Primary Courses		Total	Reinforcing Doses		Total
Under 7	7 - 15	657	Under 7	7 - 15	434
635	22		376	58	

#### B.C.G. Vaccination

Number given the preliminary skin test	Number vaccinated	Number referred for chest X-ray
389	362	2



## B.C.G. Vaccination

There has been a good response by parents.

Again the small number of possible infections demonstrates the good health of our community.

Immunisations - Are at a satisfactory level.

Within the past three months I have acquired an audiometer, that is, an electronic device for measuring loss of hearing. All school children born in 1960 and the next year, 1961, are subjects for examination. Many ear defects are being found which could otherwise have passed unnoticed or undiagnosed. I consider that this work is of the utmost importance and its inauguration in our area is a landmark in preventive medicine which we will have good reason to remember with gratitude in the future.

After the successful pilot scheme in health education last year at Terrington and West Walton I have been asked to provide more courses at other secondary schools.

Although I consider that this is very important work I find difficulty in expanding it because of lack of suitably qualified staff.

When help can be obtained I will expand our health education scheme as much as possible and ensure a continuous service to our secondary schools.

I would like to record my appreciation for the assistance and support I have had during the year from the Clerk, Public Health Inspector and members of the Local Health Office staff.

J.McD. Hanley,  
Medical Officer of Health

## SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1966

Area in acres	..	..	..	..	..	1,003
Population 1931	..	..	..	..	..	2,465
Population 1966 (Estimated)	..	..	..	..	..	3,210
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u> -						51
Rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	17.95
" for Administrative County	..	..	..	..	..	16.19
" for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	17.7
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Births						17.64
<u>DEATHS</u> (all causes) -						42
Rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	6.8
" for Administrative County	..	..	..	..	..	9.91
" for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	11.7
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u> -						1
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	..	..	..	..	..	19.2
" for Administrative County	..	..	..	..	..	15.62
" for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	15.4
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u> -						52
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u> (deaths under 1 year) -						1
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>						
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total Live Births						19.6
" for Administrative County	..	..	..	..	..	15.71
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Births						NIL
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births						111
<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>						
(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total Live Births) -						19.6
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>						
(Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total Live Births) -						19.6
<u>PERI-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>						
(Still Births and Deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still Births) -						38.46
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u> (including Abortion)						
Number of Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	..	..	..	..	..	NIL



## SECTION A

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### 1. GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Norfolk Executive Council,  
Horse Fair House, 17 St. Faiths Lane, Norwich, NOR. 07S.  
- Clerk F.H. Adams, Esq.

#### 2. EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Senior Administrative Medical Officer,  
Dr. J. B. Ewen, M.D., D.P.H.,  
"Croft-Holme",  
117 Chesterton Road,  
Cambridge.

#### 3. (a) GENERAL

Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.  
West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.  
Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich.  
St. James' Hospital, King's Lynn. (For chronic sick)  
The Howdale Home, Downham Market.

#### (b) MATERNITY

West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital (Maternity Unit).  
Mill Road Hospital, Cambridge.

#### (c) INFECTIONS

Isolation Hospital, King's Lynn.  
Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.

#### (d) SANTORIA

Kelling Sanatorium, Holt.

#### (e) MENTAL

St. Andrew's Hospital, Norwich.  
Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich.  
Little Plumstead, Norwich.

#### 4. MATERNITY SERVICES

##### (a) DISTRICT NURSE:-

Nurse Fox,  
2 London Road, Downham Market.

#### 5. AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

This is a County Council function and is controlled by the Joint Ambulance Committee. It is worked on an Agency basis by the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John and W.V.S.

The Downham Market Urban Area is served by the Downham Market Ambulance.

Infectious Disease cases are conveyed by the King's Lynn Infectious Disease Ambulance.

The Hospital Car Service is administered from the Local Health Office,

15 Nelson Street, King's Lynn.

6. RED CROSS MEDICAL LOAN DEPOT

Downham Market - Mrs.I.M.Burbeck, "Court House".

7. COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Downham Market Infant Welfare centre is held at the Health Office, Howdale Road.

The Assistant County Medical Officer of Health is in attendance at the session which is held from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

I would again like to register my warm appreciation of the voluntary help given at each session by the ladies of the local branch of the British Red Cross.

Home Help Service

The County Home Help Scheme is administered from the Local Health Office. In many cases this service enables the aged and infirm to remain in their homes much longer than would otherwise be possible. Home Helps are engaged on an occasional basis and their work in the community is greatly appreciated.

8. VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.

Males  
TUESDAY and FRIDAY  
5.30 p.m.

Females and Children  
TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY  
3.00 p.m.

9. DISINFECTION

The disinfection of premises is carried out by the Public Health Inspector.

10. LABORATORY SERVICES

(a) Public Health Laboratory, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich. - under the direction of Dr.I.M.Dowsett.

and

Public Health Laboratory,  
Tennis Court Road,  
Cambridge.

(b) Public Analyst:-

Dr.Eric Wood, Ph.D., A.R.C.S., F.R.I.C.,  
Clarence House,  
6 Clarence Road,  
Norwich.





## STATISTICAL TABLE, 1966

## SECTION B

TABLE NUMBER 1

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 1 weeks	1 weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
11. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, LUNG, BRONCHUS	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BREAST	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
14. OTHER MALIGNANT AND LYMPHATIC NEOPLASMS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17. VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	3
18. CORONARY DISEASE, ANGINA	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	3
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	3
20. OTHER HEART DISEASE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21. OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASE	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
23. PNEUMONIA	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
24. BRONCHITIS	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
32. OTHER DEFINED AND ILL-DEFINED DISEASES	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
	F	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
33. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35. SUICIDE	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	10	13
	F	21	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	13	13



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TABLE NUMBER 2

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - 1966Notification in Age Groups

	AGES											TOTAL	Removed to Hospital.	Deaths
	Under 1	1- 2	2- 3	3- 4	4- 5	5- 10	10- 15	15- 20	20- 35	45- 65	Age Un- Known			
MEASLES	2	2	1	7	3	8	-	-	2	-	1	26	-	-
WHOOPIING COUGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PNEUMONIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	-	1
TOTALS	2	2	1	7	3	8	-	-	2	1	3	30	-	1



TABLE NUMBER 3

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - 1966  
(Other than Tuberculosis)

DISEASE	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
MEASLES	12	-	-	4	-	2	3	3	1	-	1	-	26
WHOOPIING COUGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PNEUMONIA	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
TOTALS	12	2	-	6	-	2	3	3	1	-	1	-	30

TABLE NUMBER 4

## NEW CASES OF AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS - 1966

AGE IN YEARS	NEW CASES				DEATHS				TOTAL
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Age Unknown									
-1									
-5									
-15									
-25									
-35									
-45		1							1
-55									
-65	2								2
65 & Over									
TOTALS	2	1							3

